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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON MIDEAST AND AFRICA

REF: TOKYO 2536

1. DEPT WOULD PREFER TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON EITHER APRIL 28 AND 29 OR MAY 5 AND 6, DEPENDING ON JAPANESE PREFERENCE. FIRST DAY WOULD BE DEVOTED TO MIDDLE EAST AND FOLLOWING TO AFRICA. US SIDE IN MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSIONS IS EXPECTED TO BE LED AT DEP ASST SECY LEVEL AND IN AFRICAN DISCUSSIONS BY ASST SECY DAVIS. WE DO NOT WISH TO EXCHANGE PAPERS ON AGENDA ITEMS BUT TO ENCOURAGE FREE-MOVING, INFORMAL DISCUSSION EVOLVING FROM AGENDA ALONE.

2. MIDDLE EAST. TOPICS SUGGESTED BY NAKAMURA ARE ACCEPTABLE. WE ASSUME DISCUSSIONS OF "JAPANESE MOVES TO DEVELOP BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS" WOULD INCLUDE 1) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION; 2) SENIOR
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GOVERNMENTAL VISITS AND ECONOMIC MISSIONS; 3) EXPANSION OF

POSTS AND COMMERCIAL STAFFING IN AREA; 4) GOVERNMENTAL OR OFFICIALLY-SANCTIONED CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS; 5) DEVELOPMENTS IN PETROLEUM PROCUREMENT (ESPECIALLY IN GOJ ROLE); AND 6) IMPORTANT BUSINESS DEALS INCLUDING MAJOR EXPORT SALES

AND CONTRACTS FOR PROJECTS, AND GOJ MEASURES TO FACILITATE THESE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GOJ VIEWS ON EEC-ARAB "DIALOGUE" AND ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE DISCUSSED BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND IRAN AS WELL AS THOSE BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST AND CERTAIN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES AND JORDAN. ALSO OF INTEREST WOULD BE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE JAPANESE (ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST) ON ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ASSESSMENTS OF ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY, POTENTIAL (AND LIKELY INSTITUTIONAL BASIS) FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND POTENTIAL FOR "TRIANGULAR" INVESTMENT (AND ASSOCIATED IMPEDIMENTS).

3. AFRICA. US PROPOSES FOLLOWING AGENDA (WHICH INCORPORATES JAPANESE SUGGESTIONS) WITH INITIAL PRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE AS INDICATED:

A) OVERVIEW OF AFRICAN SCENE AND BILATERAL RELATIONS (US AND JAPAN)

B) SOUTHERN AFRICA - SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, SOUTHERN RHODESIA (JAPAN)

C) HORN OF AFRICA (US)

D) RESOURCE DIPLOMACY (JAPAN)

E) ZAIRE (JAPAN)

F) EEC - AFRICA (US)

G) AFRICA AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ISSUES (US)

4. REQUEST EMBASSY ASCERTAIN FROM FOREIGN OFFICE WHETHER THESE DATES ARE SATISFACTORY AND REACTION TO TOPICS PRO-CONFIDENTIAL

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POSED. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS JAPANESE MAY HAVE.

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